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### THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING

THE local committee for the Philadelphia meeting of the American Association make the following announcements:

The hotels are either near the center of the city or in close proximity to the University of Pennsylvania. The headquarters of the association will be the Hotel Adelphia, 13th and Chestnut Streets, two blocks distant from both the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading Railroads. The Adelphia is the newest and most modern hotel in Philadelphia. Members are urged to make hotel reservations as early as possible.

The meetings of the association will be held at the University of Pennsylvania in West Philadelphia, ten minutes by trolley from the center of the city. The university can be reached by taking cars, route 13, on Walnut Street, one block south of the association headquarters, or cars route 11 or 34 on the subway surface lines on Market Street, one block north. Persons arriving on the Pennsylvania Railroad and desiring to go directly to the University of Pennsylvania or to hotels near the university should get off at West Philadelphia Station, six minutes' walk to the university.

The Houston Club, Spruce Street near 34th Street, has been designated as the association headquarters at the University of Pennsylvania. This building is the geographical center of the university and all meetings of the association will be held in university buildings within a radius of two blocks from this point. The privileges of the club are extended to all of the members of the association and affiliated societies. Mail may be addressed here.

The general meeting of the association will be held in Weightman Hall, gymnasium of the University of Pennsylvania, 33d and Spruce Streets, on Monday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock.

Luncheon will be served in the gymnasium, daily at one o'clock, during the convention, and all in attendance are cordially invited.

The provost of the University of Pennsyl-

vania will give a reception to the members of the association in the university museum immediately after the address of President Wilson.

Placards of the university campus will indicate meeting places of the various sections.

The Geological and Paleontological Society will hold its meeting at the Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th and Race Streets.

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### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE De Morgan medal of the London Mathematical Society was presented at its annual meeting to Sir Joseph Larmor in recognition of his researches in mathematical physics.

PROFESSOR H. F. NEWALL has been elected president of the Cambridge Philosophical Society. The vice-presidents are Dr. E. W. Barnes, Dr. A. C. Seward and Dr. A. E. Shipley.

PROFESSOR WILHELM ERB, the distinguished neurologist of Heidelberg, has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his doctorate.

PRESIDENT CHARLES RICHARD VAN HISE, of the University of Wisconsin, will be the convocation orator at the University of Chicago.

PROFESSOR ROBERT M. YERKES, who on the invitation of the authorities of the German Anthropoid Station at Orotava, Tenerife, had planned to spend the greater part of the year 1915 at the station in an experimental study of the chimpanzee and orang-outang, has been forced to abandon his plan because of the condition of war in Europe. He will instead conduct his investigations during the spring and summer of 1915 at Montecito, California, in conjunction with Dr. G. V. Hamilton, in the latter's private laboratory. From February to October, 1915, Professor Yerkes may be addressed at Santa Barbara, California.

PROFESSOR J. C. BOSE, of Calcutta, known for his work in plant physiology, is in this country. He is to be in the east until January 11, on which date he addresses the New York Academy of Sciences, and before which time he will speak at various universities and to scientific bodies. During the latter part of